

COMMERCE & INDUSTRY. S.G.S. HILLSBORO. W.VA. POCAHONTAS CO.

BUSINESS as it was considered good form for the bride to have a new outfit, horse, saddle, and bridle and most of this was made at Huntersville at that time.

Jack Tidd, William Dilley and G.W. Ginger operated blacksmith shops at Huntersville at different times.

For a long series of years nothing seemed more flourishing than the hostelry business in conjunction with salooning, this was particularly true with one of the largest hotels at Huntersville and was operated success-
ion by J. Williams. John Bussard. John Holden. Porterfield Wallace, I.C. Carpenter and F. Campbell but was burned in the fire of 1852. Another hotel operated by William Gibson, John Haines and Davis Hamilton this one was burned during the war.

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The livestock industry of Pocahontas County is its greatest industry at this time and the money derived from sale of the same is the largest of any industry in the county, much of this livestock is bought by our local livestock buyer and dealer George P Edgar of Hillsboro who buys and ships cattle and sheep not only from this county but all the adjoining counties.

In traveling through the county on route 219 you will see many herds of beef cattle and many flocks of sheep grazing in the bluegrass that is found so plentiful in the Little Levels section, but today many of these beef cattle are being replaced by their slim sister the dairy cow as many farmers throughout the county have taken to dairying either shipping their cream or selling to a truck from Ronceverte but today dairying is in its infancy in Pocahontas County but should be one of the leading industries in a few years as we have ideal climatic conditions along with abundance of bluegrass pasture and ample grain. Hogs are not as plentiful as in years past due to lack of mast that use to be so plentiful especially before the blight killed all the chestnut trees but today some farmers are specializing in hog raising and on these farms you will find from 100 to 150 hogs being fattened for the eastern markets each fall from grain largely produced at home. Along about 1900 and before hogs roamed the mountains about at will and oft- times went wild and had to be hunted and killed like the wild hog in ancient times, they made their

living from the woods eating mast, worms, roots and etc. therefore producing cheap meat but times have changed as we have very little mast and very few if any hogs running at large in the mountains.

Pocahontas County ranks high in the production of both poultry and eggs and you find a small flock of chickens on every farm in the county most of which are general purpose or utility chickens but scattered about throughout the county you will find a goodly sized flock of layers and now and then a flock of show birds the latter being exhibited at both the Pocahontas County Fair at Marlinton and at the Greenbrier County Fair near Lewisburg in Greenbrier County. The income derived from the sale of chickens and eggs pays the farmers grocery bills as a general thing. Most of the live poultry going to Philadelphia Pa. and to Baltimore Md. and during the holiday season it is not uncommon to see from 300 to 350 coops of chickens going down on the train this means several thousands of dollars to the farmers of this section each year.

It is very convincing that the livestock industry is the main industry of the county at this time, this being a limestone section and with the lime and phosphate that is being applied in connection with the soil conservation program Pocahontas County will be able to produce more and better livestock in years to come as it always has been a county that produced livestock of a very high quality, but the government program for the farmer will make the land